

# Hunter Education

Implemented in 1954, the California Hunter Education Program provides training to all first time resident hunters. The Hunter Education Program is taught by volunteer instructors under the direction of the Department of Fish and Game. The course consists of at least ten hours of classroom, homework, and field training in the areas of Firearms Safety and Handling, Ethics and Sportsmanship, Wildlife Management and Conservation, Archery, Black Powder, Wildlife Identification, Game Care, First Aid, and Survival. Approximately 25,000 students complete the Hunter Education course each year. The Hunter Education Program also offers a comprehensive equivalency examination.

There is no minimum age requirement to take the course, but young children may find the course demanding. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.



## IMPORTANT HUNTER EDUCATION PHONE NUMBERS

Hunter Education Information and  
Statewide Database ..... 916 653-1235  
Statewide Hunter Education Coordinator ..... 916 653-9727

Region 1 <b>Northern California-North Coast Region</b> Class Recording ..... 530 225-2003 Regional Captain ... 530 225-2304	Region 5 & 6 <b>South Coast Region, Eastern Sierra and Inland Deserts Region</b> Class Recording ..... 562 590-5670 Regional Captain ... 562 590-5185
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Region 2  
**Sacramento Valley-Central Sierra Region**  
Class Recording ..... 916 351-0833  
Regional Captain ... 916 358-2909

Region 3  
**Central Coast Region**  
Class Recording ..... 707 944-5576  
Regional Captain ... 707 944-5544

Region 4  
**San Joaquin Valley-Southern Sierra Region**  
Class Recording ..... 559 243-4005x182  
Regional Captain ... 559 243-4005x124



*Becoming an Outdoors-Woman is a workshop primarily aimed at women, but is an opportunity for anyone 18 years or older to learn outdoor skills—skills usually associated with hunting and fishing, but useful for many outdoor pursuits.*

*Archery, Basic Fly-Fishing, On-Water Fly Fishing, Beginning Rifle Shooting, Beginning Shotgun Shooting, California Big Game, Camping, Day Hiking and Safety, Dutch Oven Cooking, Exploring Wild*

*California, Map and Compass, Field Orienteering, Introduction to Firearms and Firearm Safety, Basic Fishing, River & Lake Fishing, California Waterfowl and Upland Game, Canoeing, Improving Survival Skills*

### This workshop is for you, if...

- you have never tried outdoor sports, but hope for an opportunity to learn.
- you are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills.
- you know how to do some of these activities, but would like to try your hand at some new ones.
- you are just looking for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

Direct your questions to:

**24-Hour Information Number**, 916 657-4333

**Help Desk**, 916 653-7748, Reservations, Questions

**Program Coordinator**, 916 653-7448, Donations, Sponsorships

## The Game Bird Heritage Program



Implemented in 1993, the Game Bird Heritage Program provides expanded upland game bird hunting opportunities through upland

habitat enhancement, special hunts, and public outreach projects and programs. Funds to support these programs are generated through the sale of the upland game bird stamp required to hunt doves, quail, grouse, chukar, pheasants, wild turkey, jacksnipe, and band-tailed pigeons.

Currently, the Special Hunts Program provides thousands of pheasant, turkey and quail hunting opportunities for juniors, women, families and open public hunts. The *Schedule of Special Hunts* is available after June of each year. Additional publications such as *Pheasant Hunting on State and Federal Lands in California*, *Guide to Hunting The Quail of California*, *Guide for Hunting Wild Pigs in California*, and the *California Turkey Hunter's Guide* may be picked up at California Department of Fish and Game offices or by calling 916 653-GAME.

